

A note to our readers

Last week, we at The Advocate found ourselves dealing with two unfortunate situations. Someone had contacted some of the Arlington teenagers whose photographs had appeared in our sports section, and using the name of one of our photographers, offered the students a chance at "modeling." It was a hoax. The person was not from The Advocate.

This was followed by a few reports of telephone calls received by adults in which the caller identified herself as being from this paper and then insulted the listener. This, too, was a sham. The caller was not from The Advocate. Both problems have been referred to the Arlington Police. Anyone with information related to the incidents should call that office.

At The Advocate, we make every attempt to ensure the safety of the children in town, particularly those in the schools. Our photographers carry identification and follow school policies regarding visitors. We have always encouraged parents and guardians to call our office on Water Street (643-7900) or the company headquarters in Winchester (729-8100) if they ever have questions about one of our staff.

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In face of user-fee proposal

Coaches: pay-to-play plan flawed

By JIM MOSHER
Special to The Advocate

Has the death knell sounded for athletics at Arlington High School? It has if the latest budget proposals are adopted, coaches say.

"It's not a pretty picture," football and track coach John Hanley said. "What really concerns me as a coach is the user's fees. I don't like them. I think they will destroy athletics at the high school."

The School Committee has discussed user's fees as a way of making up for \$58,500 in proposed cuts in the athletic department. Athletic Director Liz McDonough has formulated a system which would make up between \$50,000 and \$55,000. An additional \$10,000 would have to be taken out of programs, she estimated.

"I don't like it," McDonough said. "Nobody in education likes it. Some people in this town still believe the money will be found somewhere. They don't realize what traumatic changes are going to happen here."

The fees present some problems for coaches. Liability is a big concern.

"I'm not sure of where I stand in terms of liability," said Pam Spencer, who coaches softball, field

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AHS Athletic Director Liz McDonough

hockey and freshman girls basketball. "I'm very concerned about the safety aspect. Suppose you get a kid who has the money but doesn't have the skills. She's paying to play so you put her in and she gets hurt. It makes the situation very difficult."

A decline in the school's teams will follow, some predict.

"It will kill Arlington's competitiveness," baseball coach Mike Toomey said. "Arlington High School has great amount of prestige in sports, especially hockey and foot-

(See COACHES, page 3A)

Youth Center has budget-boost chance

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Selectmen will recommend restoring \$31,000 of the \$75,000 they cut from the Arlington Youth Consultation Center (AYCC) if voters approve a Prop. 2½ override June 10.

Under pressure from the Board of Youth Services, selectmen voted Monday to rework their proposed override budget to include AYCC money.

David Walkinshaw, chairman of the Board of Youth Services, told selectmen, "The staff has already been reduced to critical mass... to the point that it almost isn't viable."

The remaining staff, he said, has taken a 30 percent cut in pay so that the service can be maintained.

"If [the AYCC staff] has given more of itself than any other body in town," said Walkinshaw, "and the town has offered nothing in return."

Selectmen Chairman Charles

Lyons said, "Sorry, we didn't mean to ignore you." He asked pointedly what the AYCC would do if it got a \$50,000 restoration.

"Open up intake again," said Walkinshaw. New patient intake was stopped earlier this year because of the impending budget cuts.

Walkinshaw called the \$31,000 allotment "a step in the right direction," but still not enough to avoid service cutbacks. He said \$75,000 would equal about 2½ staff positions.

"If you have one suicide in this town because someone wanted to get counseling and was refused... then you have to wonder what it's worth," said Walkinshaw. "A life is worth more than \$75,000."

Ultimately, the \$31,000 restoration is up to Town Meeting, which will vote on the disbursement of any override revenues in the coming

(See YOUTH, page 3A)

Actions recognized



Inga E. Pinciak, of Palmer Street, is awarded a plaque by the Arlington Police Patrolmen's Association for Citizen of the Year. Receiving the plaque from patrolmen Richard Femia, left and Robert Hughes last Tuesday, Pinciak had just completed her 40th day of protesting the lights in Arlington Center. With bright signs, Pinciak has been protesting the timing of the lights at the Center intersection which allow cars to turn while the "walk" sign is illuminated.

(Barbara Bergen photo)

More Great Meadows debate due

Town Meeting was expected to discuss the Great Meadows last night.

At press time, it appeared the Conservation Commission would seek a non-binding resolution calling for its members and those of the Parks and Recreation Commission to have input into any plans for the

property.

The nearly 180-acre, Arlington-owned tract lies in Lexington and is under the jurisdiction of selectmen, who are studying its use as a golf course.

The Conservation Commission wants to preserve the meadows as wetlands. It originally proposed a

Town Meeting article to wrest control from selectmen.

But selectmen must relinquish control before another board can assume it, according to Town Counsel John Maher. And selectmen have refused to do that.

The board has asked the commis-

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Students return from Soviet visit

By JOHN GHANOTAKIS
Special to The Advocate

"Just the fact that I was in Russia with a group of Arlington High students for the first time... the idea that we had actually made it there was exciting," said Sheldon Obelsky, an Arlington High School history teacher who recently took a group of students on a trip to the Soviet Union.

The idea of the trip began in January 1988 with presentations to John Kent, head of the high school's history department and Joanne Gurry, assistant superintendent.

Through the encouragement of the school's administration, Obelsky and teacher Julie Butler began introducing the Russian alphabet, phrases and culture to a group of high school students by September 1988.

By October, the group was finalized. On April 14, the Friday before April vacation, 23 students made up of sophomores, juniors

and seniors, along with Obelsky, his wife and Kent, were on their way to New York then on to Russia for a seven-day tour of Moscow and Leningrad.

During the stay, the group participated in many activities and visited many of the two cities' cultural and historical sites, including a disco, ballet, the Winter Palace of Russia's last czar, Nicholas II, art museums, Red Square and Lenin's Tomb.

"There is a strong heritage in Leningrad. We saw the largest art museum in the U.S.S.R., with the largest French impressionist collection in Europe. There were many Rembrandts and all the Czarist treasures. I was astonished to see such a museum in the U.S.S.R., and really impressed," said Senior Jacob Galley.

"When we saw Lenin's body everyone was really respectful around the tomb. We could actually see his body," said Sopho-

(See TRIP, page 3A)



Cara Alterio, 16, (center) is welcomed home by her family after returning from a trip with other Arlington High School students and teacher Sheldon Obelsky to the Soviet Union last week. The group landed safely at Logan Airport on Saturday.

(Joseph Trotz photo)

Gibbs has eight tenant applicants

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Eight groups are bidding to lease all or part of the Gibbs Junior High. They include three schools, three day care operations, one human-service group, and one art group.

As of last Friday, these eight potential tenants had presented the Redevelopment Board with proposals for leasing, according to Alan McClellan Jr., director of planning and community development.

The Gibbs Junior High School was voted closed earlier this year, and after two hours of debated Town Meeting voted last Wednesday to transfer jurisdiction of the 78,000-square-foot building to the Redevelopment Board for leasing.

Zoning bylaws limit the type of tenants for the building to educational or non-profit institutions, according to McClellan.

The three schools applying for spots include the School for Children, which wants to move Leslie Ellis from its Cambridge location to a portion of the Gibbs; the Ecole Bilingue, which wants to expand its school already occupying the Parmenter building; and the Lexington Montessori School, which is also trying to expand.

Three other sections of the School for Children are currently occupying the Crosby School. They also want to move their administrative offices to the Gibbs School, according to McClellan.

The day care proposals include Learn To Grow, already an Arlington business; Tot Stop, a new venture; and the Magic Moose, a new pre-school program.

Community Human Services, which runs workshops for handicapped adults, is the only human service group to request a lease, and the Arlington Center for Arts is the only arts-type group, according to McClellan, the group started out in the Central School.

McClellan added that he had recently received a request from Town Manager Donald R. Marquis to find space in the Gibbs building for the Arlington Youth Consultation Center (AYCC).

In recent months, the town has been involved in a dispute over rent with the Knights of Columbus, owners of the Prescott Street building currently housing the AYCC.

Though, according to David Walkinshaw, director of the Board of Youth Services, negotiations over the dispute have stalled, the AYCC is looking to move to the Gibbs building as a way of saving money for the town.

The next step in choosing tenants, said McClellan, is for the Redevelopment Board to interview each of the eight groups and review the requirements and requests for space presented in each of the proposals.

None of the tenants has offered to lease the gymnasium. The need to keep the gym for neighborhood and recreation use was a bone of contention at Town Meeting.

McClellan noted that no one had expressed interest in leasing the school's media center either.

Use of the gymnasium became an issue when some Town Meeting members wanted to specify 15 hours per week of town use of the gym as a condition for leasing. But a motion to that effect from Parks and Recreation Commission Director Bernice Jones (who is a precinct 8 representative) failed on the Town Meeting floor last week.

McClellan said that with so little interest in use of the gym facility (only three of the eight expressed any interest in any use of the gym), some sort of formal arrangement with the Parks and Recreation department might be set up so that it can use the gym and also lease it to others. "A pay-as-you-go type of recreation center," he said.

Use of the gym by the girls' basketball team has also been taken into consideration, McClellan added.

Final decisions about which tenants will be occupying the Gibbs next year should be made by late May or early June, said McClellan.

But the decision to turn the building over to the Redevelopment Board still faces a potential challenge. Precinct 8 representative Charles Foskett gave notice of reconsideration, making it subject to renewed debate Town Meeting (See GIBBS, page 3A)

Personnel panel approved

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Town employees will no longer bring their reclassification requests to the Personnel Review and Appeals Board but to the newly-approved Personnel Board.

Town Meeting voted Monday to pass warrant article 32, a request by Town Manager Donald R. Marquis to institute a new three-member Personnel Board that would take over the functions of the five-member Personnel Review and Appeals Board.

All three members of the new board would be appointed by the town manager; the old Personnel Review and Appeals Board consisted of two members appointed by the town manager, two appointed by employees, and one appointed by the town moderator.

According to Marquis, the new board would facilitate and "professionalize" the review process.

With the new system, the personnel director and the Personnel Board, instead of Town Meeting, will review every position and then present changes in a warrant article.

"Reclassification is an administrative function, not a legislative function," said Marquis.

Some Town Meeting members objected to the idea that the manager would have the power to appoint all three members of the board, taking away the wider representation that the five-member Personnel Review and Appeals Board provided.

Nonetheless, an amendment to change the appointing power from the town manager to the town moderator was defeated.

When questioned how town employees felt about their loss of representation, Town Counsel John Maher, and other town officials, said town employees approved of the new Personnel Board.

Maher, who is also the director of Labor Relations, said he had consulted with union leaders under the assumption that they represented employee opinions.

Various Town Meeting members also objected to the loss of power that would come with the new Personnel Board. The board would pre-

sent Town Meeting with one article containing all reclassification and pay changes. Previously Town Meeting voted on each classification change in a number of articles.

The original article asking for this new board, Town Meeting would be presented with one simple, unitemized article to be voted on.

The article was amended, on a motion by John Deyst Jr. from precinct 13, to include an itemized explanation of each position change Town Meeting will be voting on. Margaret A. Healy, precinct 3, explained her support of the amendment as a concern that Town Meeting would otherwise miss all the "large blocks of reclassifications that were offered as rewards."

The article, which needed a two-thirds vote, was passed 99 to 42.

Town Meeting also passed seven articles, 33 through 39, concerned with personnel issues and changes.

Article 33, passed unanimously with little debate, amended the town's Classification Plan to include the Fair Housing Director in employment group AG12, and to change the titles of two clerical positions.

Three more reclassifications were passed with little debate in article

34. Recreations Facility Supervisor was down-graded one class to AG17, while two others, Recreation Supervisor and Sanitary Inspector were up-graded one class.

Inserted at the request of the town manager and the personnel director, article 35 faced some questions from Town Meeting members before it was passed. The article requested \$18,000 to be used to defray the costs of getting a consultant to review the town's clerical positions.

According to Personnel Director William T. Kremell, 44 clerical titles representing 88 employees would be studied and reviewed. Some Town Meeting members wondered why a consultant, instead of Kremell, would be doing the reviews.

Kremell said not only would the review be very time consuming, but also a consultant would provide an outside point of view.

Selectmen will also be presenting an override budget — a supplemental list of expenditures if an override of Proposition 2½ is successful on June 10 — with \$32,000 to \$50,000 for consultants for reclassification reviews of other town employee positions.

Town Meeting also approved, in article 39, a salary increase of \$1,808 for the town clerk, an elected position not included in the M Schedule increases.

House variance rejected

By WENDY MIMRAN
Special to The Advocate

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously rejected the petition by Vera and Paul Horsman of 182 Washington St., for variances to subdivide a lot owned by them into two lots.

The Horsmans had sought a 16-foot setback, instead of the 25-foot setback required by the zoning ordinance, so they could erect a modular one-story house. The ZBA action took place during its regular April 25 meeting.

Paul Horsman testified that the lot, which he and his wife bought in 1962, was described in the Registry of Deeds in 1917 as two lots, one for the house and one for a garage.

The landowner said he and his wife had "always had in mind" construction of a second smaller home on the site, as they presently share their home with a son and his family.

In rejecting the appeal, ZBA member Robert Moran explained that the size of one of the lots — 5,059 square feet, and the history and usage of the entire parcel as one lot since 1917 led to the rejection.

Alan McClennen Jr., director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, said in an

interview after the ZBA meeting, "The Zoning Board of Appeals has to contend with two legal actions concurrently — one is the subdivision of a piece of land, the other is the zoning restrictions which may be more stringent than the original subdivision plan and which must also comply with state law governing such actions."

"The Horsmans could have built the desired house if they had applied for a building permit before August 1975, at which time a new Arlington zoning by-law restricting and limiting construction on small lots was publicized in The Advocate and through mailings on a town warrant to each property owner," said McClennen.

Paul Horsman said he and his wife "must have missed" notification of the changes. Twenty-three persons attended the town hall meeting, including neighbors who supported the appeal and some who opposed it.

"Love thy neighbor is only in the Bible," Vera Horsman said after hearing the opposing testimony. "With all the homelessness in our country today, it is pathetic that a family like us who wants to give our children the security of a permanent home are prevented from doing so."

Friends' version of 'La Cage Aux Folles' a sparkling production

By LARCH MILLER
Special to The Advocate

Broadway met Community Theatre recently at the Arlington Friends of the Drama.

It has been over a year since La Cage Aux Folles closed on Broadway and the now familiar tale of George and Albin, caught up in their sons efforts to hoodwink his bigoted prospective in-laws about the true nature of their 21-year relationship, has been played by groups all over the U.S.

Those who saw, or at least heard about the Broadway production, have visions of elaborate make-up, sequin and bead encrusted costumes, and scenery that flowed and gyrated around the stage.

How could group with modest physical plants and financial resources possibly mount La Cage? Quite simply. It's a good story well-told by Harvey Fierstein and with bouncy, catchy songs by Jerry Herman.

All one needs to do is cast able, enthusiastic actors and use a little imagination.

The Arlington Friends of the Drama is the latest group to try, and the recently presented production delights and amuses making the best possible use of a small stage and a limited budget.

The scenery was particularly well-done for a production of this scale.

During the introductory overture, instead of twirling sliding buildings, a simple "La Cage" sign with a chaser-light and a spot with a multi-colored gel-wheel gives us the illusion that lots is going on. Or the ingenious way the large opening coats were scooped up in the ruched backdrops, or the glitzy mileage one gets from a few well-placed perpendicular light-strings on a traverse rod. The handling of the scenery shows an imaginative mind at work and Brian Richardson should feel proud of the job well done.

The actors did not need to give Tony Award-winning performances, but only tell their tale with energy and a sense of fun, and soon the audience was completely taken up in the events on stage.

James Grana (George) and Hugh Metzler (Albin) give smooth knowing performances.

The stage was small, the budget was small, but the production was large ... The scenery was particularly well-done for a production of this scale.

Grana brings the needed continental flavor to George with both his looks and actions. Metzler imbued his Albin with a certain wise vulnerability and the audience certainly could believe that they had been companions for twenty years.

Another formidable task connected with the show is the transforming of male dancers into female chorines. It involves the make-up and costume people to a greater degree than usual: the beard must not show through, the female padding must be proportioned correctly, hairy chests must be disguised, and on and on.

The Arlington male chorines, called Cagelles in the show, while no Miss Americas, conveyed a very charming presence. Were it not for the height difference between the two girl chorines and the male counterparts the audience would have had the requisite difficulty in picking out who is who in the opening.

The costumes, though not elaborate, showed what a few yards of judiciously placed sequin trim can do to give the illusion of opulence a glitzy Mediterranean nightclub needs.

The stage was small, the budget was small, but the production was large. The Arlington Friends of the Drama are to be commended for an excellent evening's entertainment proved by the laughter and applause from the other side of the footlights.

(Larch Miller was a wardrobe supervisor for the original Broadway production of La Cage Aux Folles.)

LIBRARY NEWS

Movie at Fox Branch

Celebrate the coming of May by seeing the movie musical "Maytime" at the Fox Branch Library Friday, May 5, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Nelson Eddy and Jeannette MacDonald star in this film, which covers the life-span of two lovers: a young prima donna and a carefree student baritone. The songs featured are "will you remember?" and "Sweetheart." It also stars John Barrymore and Herman Bing. Music by Sigmund Romberg. It's free.

Warwick addresses Brown Bag

Dr. Donald Warwick, of the Harvard Institute for International Development, will speak on "Education in Pakistan" at the May 9 Brown Bag luncheon at noon in the Fox Library.

"I am a sociologist interested in public policy," said Warwick, in a recent interview. "Since 1977, the Harvard Institute has surveyed 450 primary schools in Pakistan in cooperation with the Academy for Education Planning and Management and the four provincial governments of Pakistan. We are attempting to discover what makes schools effective. In pursuit of this goal, we have given 10,000 achievement tests in math and science. We are also helping the government acquire and standardize its educational statistics. Our interviewers are Pakistanis. Some schools are so remote the interviewers walk in 6 hours from the end of the road, stay overnight, and walk out 6 hours the next day."

Warwick has a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Michigan. He has lived in Arlington since 1976 when not travelling in Indonesia, Singapore, Pakistan and other parts of the world.

Hostesses for this event sponsored by the Friends of the Robbins Library are Mary Battell, Jean Kulas, and Angie Warshafsky. All Arlingtonians are invited.

Saturday programs in May

The main Robbins Junior Library holds free programs for children every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. September through May. The schedule for May is:

May 6 — Mother's Day Storytime: Several stories for this special holiday will be followed by a craft. For ages 4 to 6; sign up in advance at the Junior Library desk or call 646-1000, Ext. 4306.

May 13 — Movies: Two short movies for children ages three and up will be shown in the rear of the Robbins Art and Music Department. Movies are: "Fox Went Out On A Chilly Night" and "The Crying Red Giant." Total running time is 30 minutes.

May 20 — Chalk Pictures: Children ages 3 and up are invited to make sidewalk chalk pictures at the library. In case of rain, the program will be held indoors.

May 27 — Things To Do With Toddlers and Twos: A program of songs, stories and fingerplays followed by a chance to try a craft and play with some age-appropriate toys. For children ages 15-36 months with an adult; no advance sign up is required.

The Hearing Report

by Jean Rosowski, MS, CCC-A
THE OTOTOXIC EFFECT

Since the end of the last century, it has been recognized that some drugs and medications are "ototoxic." This means that they cause a functional impairment of the inner ear that could negatively affect hearing and balance. Chief among these ototoxic medications is acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin). When aspirin is administered in high doses a bilateral flat hearing loss up to 40 decibels can result.

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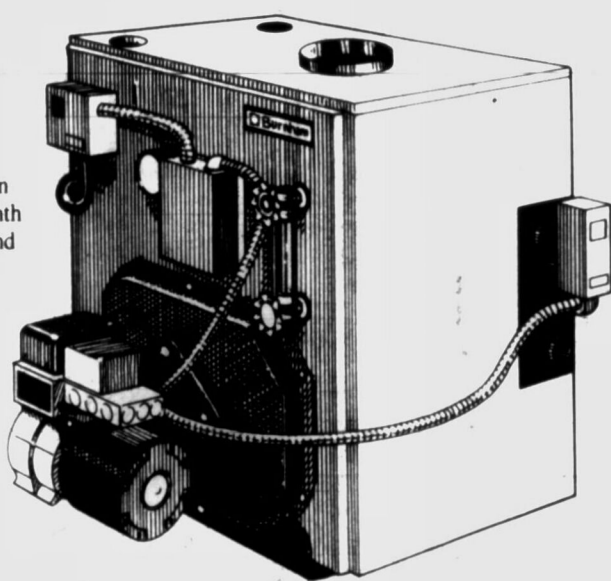
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Coaches oppose pay-to-play idea

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ball. If we start using things like user's fees, the teams will suffer. We'll end up like Chelsea or Somerville."

User's fees bring added pressure from parents, coaches say.

"It's not the biggest problem, but you'll have parents hounding coaches," Toomey said. "They'll say 'Hey, I'm paying just as much as anyone so why is that kid playing seven innings and my kid is playing just two?' It opens up a nasty can of worms."

The suggested fee system will have three costs: \$65, \$80 and \$125. Hockey and football will cost \$125, swimming and cheerleaders will be \$80 and all other sports would be \$65.

The system will have a money-saving feature for multi-sport athletes. For example, if an athlete plays three sports, he or she would pay full price for the most expensive sport, half price for the second and the least expensive would be free.

The only exemption would be for students on the free and reduced lunch plan.

McDonough is helping hammer out the details in subcommittee so the plan can be brought before the full School Committee for a vote.

"It looks like we're going to have the activities fee and some reductions," she said. "We don't want to eliminate any sports completely."

The effects of the cuts have coaches just as worried.

Eliminating the freshman athletic system and assistant coaches at every level are possibilities. Varsity athletics has been told to trim \$20,000 from its budget. Many coaches are wondering if anything will be left.

"Where do you cut?," asked John Cody, who coaches boys basketball and boys tennis. "Our budgets are bare bones as it is. I coach two sports and most of my budget is just for balls. Tell me how to cut that?"

"The problem with Proposition 2 1/2 [the measure which limits property tax increases to 2.5 percent annually and has forced these types of cuts in municipal services] is that people assume there are big cushions in these programs. There are no such cushions, I can assure you."

The effect of the proposals will be felt greater by lower-income families and women, coaches say.

"The wealthy families have the money," Hanley said. "They can afford the user's fee easily. The middle and lower-income kids will be hurt the most. If you're barely making it and you've got a couple of kids in school and they want to play ball, all of sudden sports becomes a big investment. Parents might have to discourage kids from playing and I think that's a shame."

The possible elimination of the freshman system will cripple the women's program, some say. Most girls have little or no sports experience before reaching high school. The town does not have youth and junior high school programs for girls as it does in boys sports. The girls learn most skills in the freshman and sophomore years.

"The girls don't have the development stages that the boys have," Spencer said. "Most girls don't play organized sports until high school. If you take that [the freshman system] away, they'll have no place to develop. You cut the girls' arms off when you do that."

There will be an adverse effect on the "less-established sports," according to Hanley.

"There is no place to learn things like field hockey and volleyball," he said. "They're sports which require a lot of skill. That skill is usually picked up in the first couple of years of high school. They'd be eliminating the best area for learning if this stuff goes through."

Sports such as football and track, which require a large number of participants, will feel a pinch.

"You usually have 60 kids going out for a sport like this," Cody said. "But the circumstances might drop that number to 35 or 40. You can't survive with numbers like that. After cutting [demoting less-skilled players to junior varsity] and injuries you might be down to 24. You can't expect to be competitive in a situation like that."

Reduced athletic services might make some students bypass Arlington High, one coach says.

"I saw it happen when they eliminated freshman sports when Proposition 2 1/2 first went into effect [1981]," Toomey said. "We lost a lot of quality kids to schools like Arlington Catholic, Belmont Hill, BB&N [Buckingham, Browne and Nichols] and Matignon. I'm afraid that's going to happen again."

Some coaches feel the taxpayers are being selfish by forcing the reductions through Proposition 2 1/2. One feels it will come back to haunt the town.

"They don't realize the vicious circle which would be created," Toomey said. "You cancel these programs and they're will a lot of kids with nothing to do. They'll be roaming the streets and I'm sure things like vandalism will increase. They'll have to pay more taxes for added police protection. So, you see, they'll have to pay either way. Arlington is a Somerville waiting to happen."

Coaches are urging against elimination of entire programs.

"I hope we can restructure some things," Hanley said. "Maybe we cancel a game and eliminate a coaching position here and there. We could have the kids buy their own uniforms. There's got to be a way to keep the programs going."

"Cutting whole programs doesn't help anybody," Spencer added.

Spencer was most distressed by the symbol of opportunity lost.

"I'm very sad," she said. "These kids are giving back to Arlington by representing the town in athletics but it seems like the town isn't standing behind them. I played school sports at Arlington High and it saddens me that these kids will not get the same benefits as I did."

Eight groups eyeing Gibbs

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approved the transfer 164-7.

Closing the Gibbs will save the School Department an estimated \$534,000.

Town Meeting members discussed possible sale of the Gibbs to raise more money for the School Department.

William J. O'Brien, chairman of the School Committee, explained that his committee did not want to sell the building "in case we need the school building again."

Town Meeting member Ron Nigro suggested putting off the Gibbs transfer vote until after June 10, when town-wide balloting will decide whether the schools will get another \$600,000, their share of the money from a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

O'Brien said the Gibbs will close and 20 to 30 school employees will suffer layoffs with or without an override.

Money from an override would be used instead to maintain academic and extracurricular programs, such as sports, that would otherwise be cut out.

Great Meadows debate due

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sion to withdraw its article as a sign of good faith in the selectmen's stewardship of the land over the last nearly 100 years.

But the commission offered a compromise substitute motion seeking to have their board and the Park and Recreation Commission added to the selectmen as trustees of the property.

However, that action did not receive the support of the Recreation Commission and was judged "inappropriate" by town counsel.

The site is currently an undeveloped, wetlands area. It was purchased by the town through eminent domain as a water source. Selectmen control it because they double as water commissioners.

Next week's Advocate will have complete coverage of the debate.

Trip to Russia was educational experience

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more Laura Tannenbaum.

Some of the students and even their chaperones were somewhat surprised to discover that many of the ideas that Americans have about the Soviet Union were not true. "We did not see soldiers or tanks everywhere. We expected something else. From what we saw, the ordinary people walking the streets had a lot more freedom than many Americans really think," said Abbie Mendor, who made the trip along with fellow sophomore Juliet Bowler.

The group felt no restrictions in traveling in the two cities.

"As a group, the Soviet people seemed private and somber, but as individuals they displayed human qualities of friendship, curiosity and character," said Obelsky.

An intriguing aspect of the trip was the visitors' encounters with the black market in Russian society. Many things from consumer goods to foreign currency were readily available in the underground market.

"The black market was everywhere," says Obelsky, "but we must be careful not to judge Soviet society by this 'black' market because it is a symptom of the poor consumer sector of the Soviet economy. Things like plastic bags, napkins, gum, and even American-European rock and roll music are just not available as consumer products in Russian society, even with perestroika and glasnost."

Obelsky describes the trip's more lasting impact. "As a teacher of Russian history, it was an experience which has created great enthusiasm and interest for me. Also, as a teacher, my ability to teach has been greatly enhanced. Now the pictures and places in the textbooks are real to me."

Youth Counseling Center has chance at funds restoration

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weeks.

Selectmen, however, do recommend the budget that will be voted on by Town Meeting.

On Monday, Youth Services officials challenged selectmen's priorities in earmarking \$25,000 for an assistant building inspector and \$50,000 for a job reclassification while giving the AYCC nothing.

Selectman Robert Walsh said an assistant building inspector would deal with the "life-threatening" situation of illegal apartments with unsafe and inaccessible fire exits. "Think of how many lives can be saved from burning up," he said.

AYCC Director Patsy Kraemer countered, "It is life and death problems we're dealing with... cases of abuse, sexual abuse, drug abuse, suicidality," she said.

Walkinshaw added, "As far as life-threatening, I find youths in need of counseling more life-threatening than illegal two-family houses that have been in town for years."

On a motion from Selectman Jan-

marie Hillier, selectmen shifted \$13,000 from the assistant building inspector's allotment and \$18,000 from the job-reclassification into the AYCC account.

Hillier's motion to reconsider was seconded by Selectman Franklin Hurd Jr., the only member of the board to vote against the original package.

The AYCC is also facing relocation. Town Manager Donald R. Marquis has asked that the AYCC be considered as one of the possible tenants for the Gibbs Junior High School building to be closed as a school this summer (See related story).

In recent months, the town has been involved in a rental dispute with the Knights of Columbus, the owners of the 12 Prescott St. building that currently houses the consultation center.

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GUEST COLUMN

Nurses now a top hospital priority

By MARY KAVANAUGH
Special to The Advocate

At a time when nurses are in short supply but high demand, recruiting nurses has become a priority in hospitals.

Community hospitals like Choate-Symmes have to compete with inner-city hospitals in a very uneven race to hire and retain top nurses. Yet Choate-Symmes Health Services has managed to keep ahead in this race. With the average national turnover rate for nurses at 20 percent, Choate-Symmes has held its average down to about 13 percent. Part of this success may be due to a practical response to the job market, but more important, Choate-Symmes provides the work environment many nurses prefer.

Why should a nurse want to pass up a top-salary job at a major city hospital to work in a community hospital? Jeanne McCurley, R.N., has her reasons. After offers at higher-paying jobs in Boston hospitals, she signed on at Symmes in Arlington.

"In the city, you end up spending the difference on passes, tolls and other commuting expenses," said the Watertown resident, who completed her nurse's training three years ago at Newton-Wellesley Hos-

pital. "It was hard to refuse a job that offered free parking, better benefits, and a friendly, challenging work environment."

According to Babs Kimball, vice president for Patient Services, Symmes pays salaries competitive with other community hospitals, and last year retained about 87 percent of its nursing staff. "Retaining our nurses is first and foremost to us," said Kimball. "We provide an environment in which they can grow, utilize their skills, receive plenty of support, and foster good relationships with their colleagues."

Kimball said that community hospital nurses acquire more experience in complex technical procedures because they are not competing with interns and residents. "They become able to make independent decisions sooner than they otherwise would," she said.

Kimball said that the stress that comes from constantly adjusting to new interns and residents is another reason some of her nurses choose Choate-Symmes over larger hospitals. "The perception is that it's less intimidating to work in a community hospital setting than in town," she said. "The truth is that it's not easier, it's just that the opportuni-

ties and challenges are different."

McCurley concurred. "There's more expected of you here," she said. "We take on responsibilities which, in large teaching hospitals, are performed by other health-care providers. As an example, she noted, in larger teaching facilities, patients receive complex medication treatments from interns and residents as opposed to staff nurses. "We (nurses) are responsible for administering patients' medication, as well as monitoring their effects," added McCurley. "We build skills more rapidly."

The latest challenge facing Choate-Symmes nurse recruiters has been to dispel rumors. "Information in the media about the financial condition of Massachusetts hospitals has begun to scare and confuse people," said Kimball.

"We are optimistic about getting through these tough times for hospitals," she says, adding that a wing at Symmes has just been re-opened to accommodate a growing number of patient admissions.

Choate-Symmes nurse recruiter Ellen Previte points out to prospective nurses that the 1981 consolidation of the three divisions (Choate, Symmes, and the Regional Health Center in Wilmington), greatly

strengthened the organization. She says that many job candidates are not aware that the hospitals are mutually supportive and united.

Significant rewards of nursing come from patients' gratification, said Kimball, also a registered nurse. "It's clear that our patients feel comforted by returning to familiar faces and surroundings."

Choate-Symmes uses the 'primary nursing model. Under the primary nurse model, the registered nurse is responsible for the needs of specific patients throughout their hospital stay. "I like to get to know my patients," said McCurley. "I like to watch them get better."

As National Nurses' Day (May 6) approaches, there is general agreement that nurses are finally getting the recognition and appreciation that they, as highly trained and well-educated professionals, deserve. At Choate-Symmes, the goal is to express this appreciation not only with financial rewards, but also through recognizing the unique and essential contribution to patient care that nurses provide.

(Mary Kavanaugh is a member of the community relations staff for Choate-Symmes.)

RELIGION

Temple Shalom posts news

By GEORGE PARKER
Special to The Advocate

David Klein, President of Temple Shalom, 475 Winthrop St., Medford, announced that Rabbi Wosk will conduct this week's Late Friday Evening Service, beginning at 8 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Yosef J. Wosk will be assisted on the "Bimah" ("elevated place"; platform in the synagogue on which stands the desk (or lectern) from which the Torah is read and the Rabbi's sermons delivered"), in the musical portion of the liturgy, by accomplished choir members Mrs. Jack Farber, Robert B. Kaplan and Mrs. Sidney S. Sher.

Following the service there will be an "Oneg Shabbat" (Sabbath Eve Buffet Collation) in the Rishman Auditorium, arranged under the supervision of Mrs. Jack Farber.

On Saturday, May 6, "Rosh Chodesh Iyar" (the first day of the Hebrew Calendar month of Iyar) at 8:30 a.m., Rabbi Wosk will conduct his weekly class in the study of the "Mishneh Torah"; a landmark work, compiled in Egypt in 1180, by the great "Rabbinic authority, codifier, philosopher and royal physician, Moses Maimonides."

The Shabbat Service will begin at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with Samuel Belson "davening" "P'Sukai D'Zimrah" and Reb Harry Churnick "davening" "Shachris".

Since this Saturday is Shabbat "Rosh Chodesh Iyar", the first reading from the Torah of this week's "Parsha": "Kedoshim", is from Leviticus 19: 1-20, 27, and will be performed by Rabbi Wosk. The second section is from Numbers 28: 9-15, and will be read from the Torah in the difficult original Hebrew Text without vowels, by Bar Mitzvah celebrant, Bentsion Robert Harder.

Rabbi Wosk and Bentsion will be assisted at the lectern by "Shomerim" (Guardians of the Text) Gershon Goldberg of Arlington, Dr. Richard Short and Harder's relative, Manuel Jacobowitz.

Fred Calm, as Gabbai, will call out the names of those who are to be honored by being called up to the Torah for an "Aliyah"; i.e., to recite the blessing over the portion of the Torah to be read.

On Sunday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., Temple Shalom will host a City-wide Yom Ha'Shoah-Holocaust Memorial Service in the Sanctuary, followed by a candlelight procession into the Rishman Auditorium, where there will be a screening of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Academy Award Winning Documentary, "Genocide"; narrated by Orson Wells and Elizabeth Taylor.

Holocaust memorial

On Sunday night, May 7, at 7:30 p.m., Temple Shalom, 475 Winthrop Street, Medford, will hold its City-wide Annual Holocaust Memorial Service in memory of the six million Jews: men, women and more than one million children, who were murdered in the infamous Nazi concentration camps.

The theme of this year's Observance will be: "Eternal Vigilance: The Price of Liberty."

Prior to taking their seats in the Sanctuary, each of the guests will be asked to approach the "Bimah" ("elevated place"; platform in the synagogue on which stands the desk (or lectern) from which the Torah is read and the Rabbi's sermons delivered"), and light a "yohrzeit" (memorial) candle.

The brief service in the Sanctuary will feature a short welcoming address and invocation by Rabbi Yosef J. Wosk, followed by

Mayor Michael J. McGlynn, who will bring the greetings of the City and read a Holocaust Memorial Proclamation. Mayor McGlynn will also be given the honor of lighting one of the six memorial candles in the 3-pronged candelabras; each candle representing one million of the murdered six million Jewish people.

Rev. Larry Titus, Co-minister with his wife, Rev. Kathryn Titus, of the West Medford Congregational Church, 400 High St., as vice-president and representative of the Medford Clergy Association, will also briefly address this ecumenical gathering of Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

Fr. Francis Gallagher, Pastor of St. James' Church, 779 Fellsway, has been given the honor of lighting the one special memorial candle in memory of the five million other civilians: Catholics, Protestants, Gypsies, the mentally retarded, aged and infirm, or those, who because they opposed the Nazi nightmare, were also murdered in the concentration camps.

As in previous Yom Ha'Shoah Observances, there will be short group readings from the audience.

In addition to Mayor McGlynn, the following persons have each been given the honor of lighting one of the six memorial candles: Mrs. Charles Lew; Dr. Herman Weiner; Harry Churnick; Samuel Gorenstein; and Saul Gershkowitz, who fought with the Partisans against the Nazis.

Mrs. Joseph Paru and Avrom Freedland have been chosen to stand on the "Bimah" to assist each of the guests in lighting a memorial candle prior to the beginning of the service.

At the conclusion of the Sanctuary Service, Sheri Saperstein, a teen-ager representing the more than one million Jewish children, along with Mrs. Sidney Wolfson, will be on the "Bimah" to hand a memorial candle to each of the guests. The candlelight procession will then be led by Rabbi Wosk into the Rishman Auditorium. There they will view the Simon Wiesenthal's Academy Award Winning Documentary: "Genocide"; narrated by Orson Wells and Elizabeth Taylor.

Prior to the candlelight procession into the Rishman Auditorium, Cantor Emeritus Charles Lew will chant the haunting "El Moleh Rachamim" prayer.

Joining Rabbi Wosk on the "Bimah" during the service will be David Klein, President of Temple Shalom; Cantor Emeritus Charles Lew; Rev. Larry Titus; Mayor Michael J. McGlynn and George Parker.

Mrs. David Klein and Mrs. George Parker will act as ushers as the guests enter the sanctuary. Jack Farber will set up the necessary equipment and operate the projector for the screening of the Documentary.

Following the screening of the film, "Genocide", Dr. Max Perlitsch, chairman of the Adult Education Committee, assisted by his wife, Dr. Hilda Perlitsch, have arranged a buffet collation to which all the guests have been invited.

Bishop to visit Episcopal Church

A service of Confirmation, Baptism and Reception will be held at the Church of Our Saviour Episcopal church at 21 Marathon St. in Arlington on Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. Eucharist service. Bishop Roger Blanchard, retired Bishop of Ohio and Assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. David Johnson, Bishop of Massachusetts, will officiate.

Anyone desiring additional information regarding this special service should contact the church at 648-5962.

POLICE LOG

Arrests

On April 24, a 21-year-old Cambridge man was arrested by State Police on a defaulted Arlington warrant.

A 30-year-old Park Avenue Extension man was arrested April 24 at his home for being in default of a Lowell District Court warrant for vehicle theft.

On April 26, a 29-year-old Malden man was arrested on Medford Street on the Medford town line and charged with operating without an inspection sticker and operating after suspension of his license.

A 24-year-old Worcester man was arrested April 27 on Mass. Avenue at Palmer Street and charged with speeding and operating under the influence of alcohol.

On April 27, a 39-year-old Broadway man was arrested on Winter Street and charged with failure to use signals, operating after suspension of his license, and giving a false name to a police officer.

A 22-year-old South Boston man was arrested April 28 on Mystic Street and charged with assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

On April 28, a 20-year-old Water Street man was arrested on Mass. Avenue and charged with drinking in public. The man was seen drinking beer in the Willow Wash laundromat.

A Tewksbury man was arrested April 28 on Mass. Avenue near Franklin Street and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol.

On April 29, a Malden man driving a 1969 Oldsmobile was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, speeding, operating without a license in his possession, failure to stop for a red light, and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle.

A 29-year-old Malden man driving a 1984 Honda was arrested April 29 on a defaulted Malden warrant after police stopped him at Pleasant and Gray streets.

On April 30, a 39-year-old Somerville woman was arrested on Broadway near Oxford Street and charged with operating without a valid license, receiving stolen property, and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle.

A 40-year-old Egerton Road woman was arrested at her home April 30 on a Taunton warrant for check forgery.

Larcenies

On April 24, representatives from Bank Five on Mass. Avenue told

police that a 30-year-old white male had tried to pass a bad check just before 1 p.m. The man left the premise and headed toward Lexington in a maroon motor vehicle.

A Cambridge man told police April 24 a jacket containing two sets of car, house, and work keys was taken from his car.

On April 25, a Yale Street man reported that sometime during the night someone had broken the rear window of his 1978 Volkswagen and taken power tools. He did not know the value of the tools.

An Edmond Road woman reported April 25 her large tan purse containing \$7 in cash, credit cards, and personal papers was taken at Arlington High School.

On April 26, a Burlington woman told police her wallet was missing from underneath her desk at her Mystic Street office.

On April 27, a North Union Street woman told police \$45 in cash was taken from a wallet left in a 1979 Chevrolet.

A Waltham woman reported April 27 the right rear tire was taken off her 1982 Pontiac while it was parked on Mass. Avenue.

On April 28, a Decatur Street woman told police the front tire and rim and two wheel covers were taken from her 1979 Ford.

A Patrick Street man reported April 28 a wallet with his license and green card was taken from this 1981 Audi.

A Decatur Street man reported April 28 the rear tire and rim were taken off his 1977 Mercury sometime during the night.

On April 28, an Alpine Street man reported a 20-inch white girl's bike with purple trim was taken from his driveway. The bike was worth about \$50.

On April 29, a Sunset Road man told police a brown tool box with assorted tools of unknown value was taken from his 1986 Isuzu during the night.

A Brookline woman reported April 29 her wallet containing personal papers was taken from a Mass. Avenue building.

A Jason Street woman told police April 29 that sometime between the 10th and the 14th of that month \$375 worth of women's summer and winter clothing had been taken from her home.

On April 29, officials from Arlington Seafood on Mass. Avenue told police a former employee took 30 pounds of shrimp worth \$225.

On April 30, a Mass. Avenue man reported the passenger side window of his 1985 Audi was smashed and his radar detector worth \$300 was

missing.

Break-ins

On April 24, an Arizona Terrace man told police someone had forcibly entered his home and taken numerous items.

A Yale Road man told police April 25 someone broke the locks on his tool shed and took \$1,200 worth of assorted tools.

On April 28, a Hodge Road man reported missing assorted jewelry. His home showed no signs of forced entry.

A Broadway man told police April 28 his home had been broken into and a Radio Shack stereo, a JVC tape deck, a VCR, and an Apple II computer were taken.

Vandalism

On April 24, a Washington Street woman reported three tires on her 1988 Mercury had been slashed.

Cable TV Channel 3

Friday, May 5:

10 a.m. Video Shortcuts: May '89
10:30 a.m. Community TV Update
11 a.m. Sew with Marnie
11:30 a.m. Havern On The Hill
12 p.m. Cable Cuisine
12:30 p.m. Inside Arlington

Saturday, May 6:

9:30 a.m. Arlington Spelling Bee
10:30 a.m. Arlington Philharmonic
11:30 a.m. Real Issues in Real Estate

Sunday, May 7:

10 a.m. Arlington's Patriots' Day Parade
Monday, May 8:

5 p.m. Kraus Currents
5:30 p.m. La Triviata
6:30 p.m. RNRTV
7 p.m. Beyond the Classroom: Reading with Children
7:30 p.m. Sewing with Marnie
8 p.m. New Visions
8:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts (May '89)

Tuesday, May 9:

5 p.m. Alcohol, Drugs and You
6 p.m. Arlington Educational Forum
6:30 p.m. Bridge to Writer - Interview: Pat Schneider
7 p.m. Video Shortcuts: May '89
7:30 p.m. Healthguard
7:45 p.m. The Intergenerational Program
8 p.m. Grecian Melodies

9 p.m. Focus on Education

Wednesday, May 10:

5 p.m. Arlington Educational Forum
5:30 p.m. Cable Cuisine
6 p.m. Governor's Alliance Against Drugs: The Making of a Media Event
6:30 p.m. Comic Relief Benefit at Catch a Rising Star

8 p.m. Real Issues in Real Estate (Live) Call in questions at 643-2258
8:30 p.m. Fair Housing
9 p.m. Get the Picture (May '89)

Thursday, May 11:

5 p.m. Focus on Education
5:30 p.m. Healthguard
5:45 p.m. Healthguard
6 p.m. Havern on the Hill
6:30 p.m. Get the Picture (May '89)

7 p.m. Sports Profiles with Ron Galluccio
7:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts (May '89)

8 p.m. Fair Housing on Channel 45: Arlington Town Meeting (5/10)
8:30 p.m. Comic Relief Benefit at Catch a Rising Star

Friday, May 12:

10 a.m. Video Shortcuts: May '89
10:30 a.m. Community TV Update
11 a.m. Sew with Marnie
11:30 a.m. Havern on the Hill
12 p.m. Cable Cuisine
12:30 p.m. Inside Arlington

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NEWS NOTES

Host families
sought for students

Helen McGah announced that the student group from the Republic of China will arrive in Arlington on July 8 for a four week stay as part of the Homestay in America program organized by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS).

More local families are needed to host these college students, aged 18-21, on their first visit to the United States. Benefits to Arlington families include sharing our way of life in return for the cultural enrichment of learning about another country, all without leaving home. Many friendships between American and foreign students have resulted with some Arlington residents receiving return invitations from the family of the student they hosted. AIFS in return awards each host family a scholarship of \$400 toward any of its European, South American or Asian tours. The students come to Arlington with their own pocket money and are fully insured.

A full program of English and marketing classes Monday-Friday await the students along with trips to Boston, Harvard University, M.I.T., the Red Sox, the Omni Theater and canoeing are planned. American host families are welcome on all trips. For further information contact Helen McGah at 646-1444.

El Salvador
trip outlined

Nina Brew and Jim Roettger will report on their recent trip to El Salvador as delegates for the Arlington Sister City Project on Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Heights United Methodist Church on Park Ave. Extension in Arlington Heights.

Brew and Roettger were part of first delegation to Teosinte in April and they will report on conditions within El Salvador, their meetings with political organizers, Church officials, military personnel, and with villagers from Teosinte. While the delegates were barred from actually entering Teosinte, they did get within ten miles of the village, and met with village leaders.

Villagers from Teosinte presented the delegates with slides of the village which Brew and Roettger will show at their talk. The villagers also gave testimony regarding their experiences as refugees prior to settling in the village, and spoke about the difficulties of re-establishing life in Teosinte following their return last August.

The delegates returned convinced that the human rights support Arlingtonians are providing to the villagers is crucial in enabling them to stay in Teosinte. The delegates

reported that violence and human rights abuses appear to be escalating following national elections held in March.

All Arlingtonians are encouraged to attend this event. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The Arlington Heights United Methodist Church is two blocks from Mass. Avenue on Park Avenue Extension.

Day care
providers visit
Senator Kraus

Day Care advocates recently vis-

ited the office of Senator Richard Kraus, D-Arlington, to discuss their concerns regarding funding in the State House and hundreds of children, advocates, and providers paid visits to their legislators.

"Adequate child care services are critical to families who are trying to maintain jobs and avoid the prospect of having to rely on welfare payments. The House budget simply does not have the funds to maintain even existing services and it is short-sighted of us to believe that we can 'cut corners' in day care and not hurt people," said Kraus.

Child Care advocates are requesting increased funding for the department of Social Services (DSS) sub-

sided day care slots, a cost of living adjustment of 4.25 percent for day care workers, and level funding for the network of child care resource and referral agencies. Advocates are also pushing for enactment of the DSS supplemental budget which will provide \$12.4 million in funds to finish out the fiscal year. The supplemental is currently being considered by the House.

"Day care, like so many human services programs, is cost effective as well as pro-family. I will be lobbying the Senate Ways and Means chair to protect day care programs. Given the current revenue situation, however, this will be difficult," said Kraus.



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HEALTH NEWS

Minuteman Home Care gets grant

Minuteman Home Care has awarded a grant to the New England Home for the Deaf to support an Outreach/Senior Center program designed for deaf elders. As an Area Agency on Aging, Minuteman is responsible for administering federal funds under the Older Americans Act. These funds must be awarded to community agencies for programs that address unmet needs of people over the age of 60.

This program, according to Joan Butler-West, executive director of Minuteman, is intended to connect deaf elders in our region with existing benefit programs and services as well as providing social and educational opportunities. "Due to communication barriers, deaf elders are often not able to partake of the wide range of services available to the general elderly population. By supporting specialized outreach services and regional communicatively accessible senior centers, we are attempting to bridge the gap that often leaves frail deaf elders isolated."

Trained outreach workers who are themselves deaf will identify and work with these elders in helping them to access services and benefits as well as providing them with peer support. Funding will also be used to maintain the four regional deaf senior centers located in Danvers, Worcester, Quincy, and Brookline. Transportation will be available to deaf and severely hard-of-hearing elders wishing to participate in any of the one day per week programs. The centers have proven to be highly popular and currently draw 40-50 participants.

In addition, New England Home for the Deaf will be providing training to Minuteman Home Care's case managers in working with older deaf persons.

Minuteman Home Care is a regional elderly service agency providing services to persons 60 and older in Action, Arlington, Bedford, Boxborough, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Lincoln, Lexington, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, Wilmington, Winchester and Woburn. This program is available without charge to any deaf or severely hard-of-hearing elder in the Minuteman region.

Further information about the Outreach/Deaf Senior Center program can be obtained from Sue Austin, the New England Home for the Deaf at (508) 774-0445 TTY or Voice, or from Nora Lenihan at Minuteman Home Care (617) 272-7177.

Stop smoking with help

Choate Symmes Health Services is offering a 20-day self help stop smoking program, a proven method of the American Lung Association.

This program offers a supportive environment and learning experience to enable participants to stop smoking. Some topics that will be addressed through the use of discussion and films include: smoking patterns, withdrawal, diet, coping with urges and more.

The program will be offered at Choate Hospital in Woburn starting May 15, Monday night and continuing on May 22, June 1, 5, and 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. for fee information and to register, please call the Community Health Education Department at 646-1500, ext. 2291. Pre-registration is required.

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Computerized body composition analysis will be offered through Choate-Symmes Health Services in May. This painless examination will measure actual amount of body fat, lean muscle and body water.

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These services will be offered at two separate times and locations: Thursday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Symmes Hospital, and also on Wednesday, May 31, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Choate Hospital.

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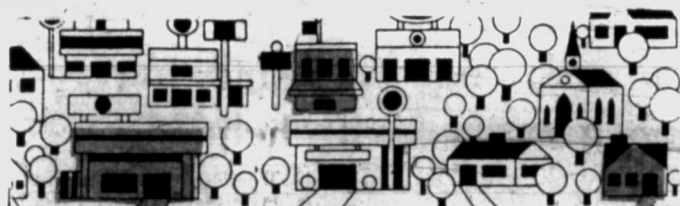
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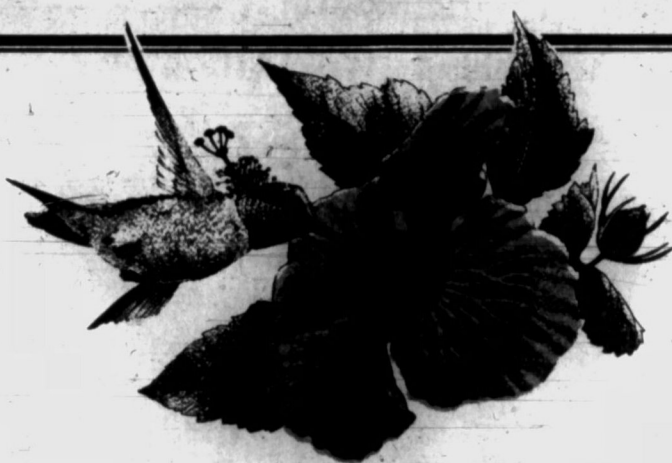
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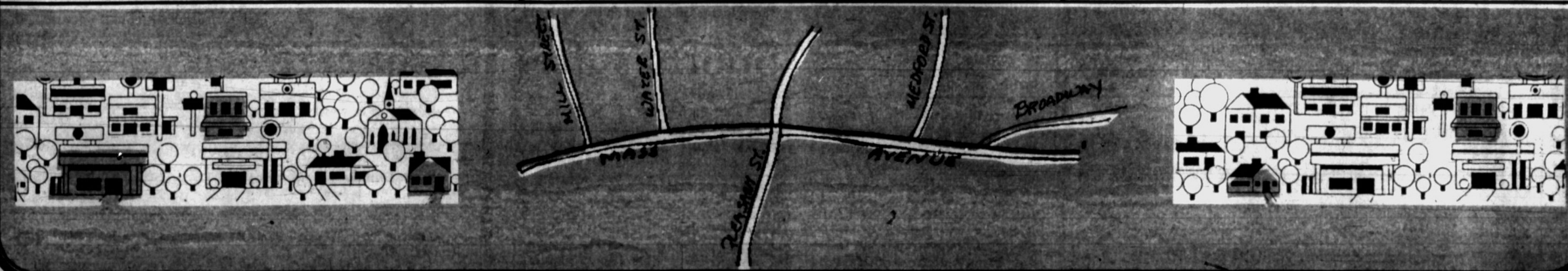
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MAN ABOUT TOWN

BY MAT



Arlington life's just full of fun

In the "what was that again?" department — Letters patting newly-elected Town Meeting members on the back for their elective success from state Sen. Richard A. Kraus said: "Please accept my sincere congratulations on your recent election to membership in the Lexington Town Meeting."

Recently elected and newly promoted. All the letters received in Arlington were written the same way.

But wait, it gets better. All the letters received in Lexington, said Arlington Town Meeting. We don't think that'll sit too well on the other side of the border, where almost every Town Meeting seat is contested in the local elections.

Overheard in a town eatery recently:

First man: "You still working on the night shift?"

Second man: "Nope. Our truck responded to a call and I got hurt."

First man: "Is [named deleted] still out?"

Second man: "Yeah and probably will be for a while."

First man: "He's hurt that bad?"

Second man: "No. It's his doctor."

First man: "How's that?"

Second man: "He's being treated by Dr. Summeroff."

Read "summer off," as in spring off, summer off, fall off and winter off.

The Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission have come to blows recently over the use of Great Meadows and a warrant article has been proposed seeking to change the control from selectmen or to at least include other boards. (The article or according to reports a resolution was expected to be discussed last night at Town Meeting — after this paper's deadlines.)

One of the keys to selectmen's argument for allowing that board to remain in complete control of the nearly 180-acre parcel was the five members' willingness to share information and keep everyone informed of plans for the site.

To quote the selectmen chairman from a recent board meeting: "Because this board is mature enough to look at good studies, quality studies ... and we'd be glad to sit down with the Conservation Commission in the future. But I'd say we'd meet with you and let's compare notes and let's compare studies ..."

That statement was made right after the commission made a presentation on the Great Meadows to the board. What was not forthcoming in the discussion was that selectmen had sitting on their desks at the time the recently completed, selectmen-commissioned study of the property.

The punchline for the Conservation Commission is that although the town's planning director requested the commission be sent a study (and \$45 of the study's fee was for extra copies) the commission had not yet received its copy by Tuesday — nearly a three-week delay. Quick checks showed Lexington offices, who were also supposed to receive a copy because the land is wholly in our neighbor's boundaries, had not.

Notes on Town Meeting — (now playing in the town hall auditorium until all of its business is completed or the money runs out, whichever comes first.) The Board of Assessors, which was inadvertently left out of a story discussing the opening of Town Meeting that mentioned the boards in attendance, was at the three sessions prior to our deadline.

One of the candidates for the moderator spot, won by John Worden in the local election, was told he missed the best campaign issue. Good eyesight. During the first session and into the second and third, Worden was having a difficult time seeing the back of the hall. Maybe opera glasses or an eye examination are in order.

The Redevelopment Board is currently in the lead with one-liners. Although there is no more banter between that table and Harry McCabe, the former moderator, the board's still holding its own. First large guffaw was noted on Monday when Town Meeting members were correcting a printed table of numbers and an announcement was met with a loud "Bingo!" Maybe we could run a Beano game to offset the budget deficit ...

MEETINGS

Monday, May 8:

Board of Selectmen, 7 p.m., board meeting room, second floor, town hall.
Board of Assessors, 7 p.m., board meeting room, first floor, town hall.
Town Meeting, 8 p.m., auditorium, second floor, town hall.

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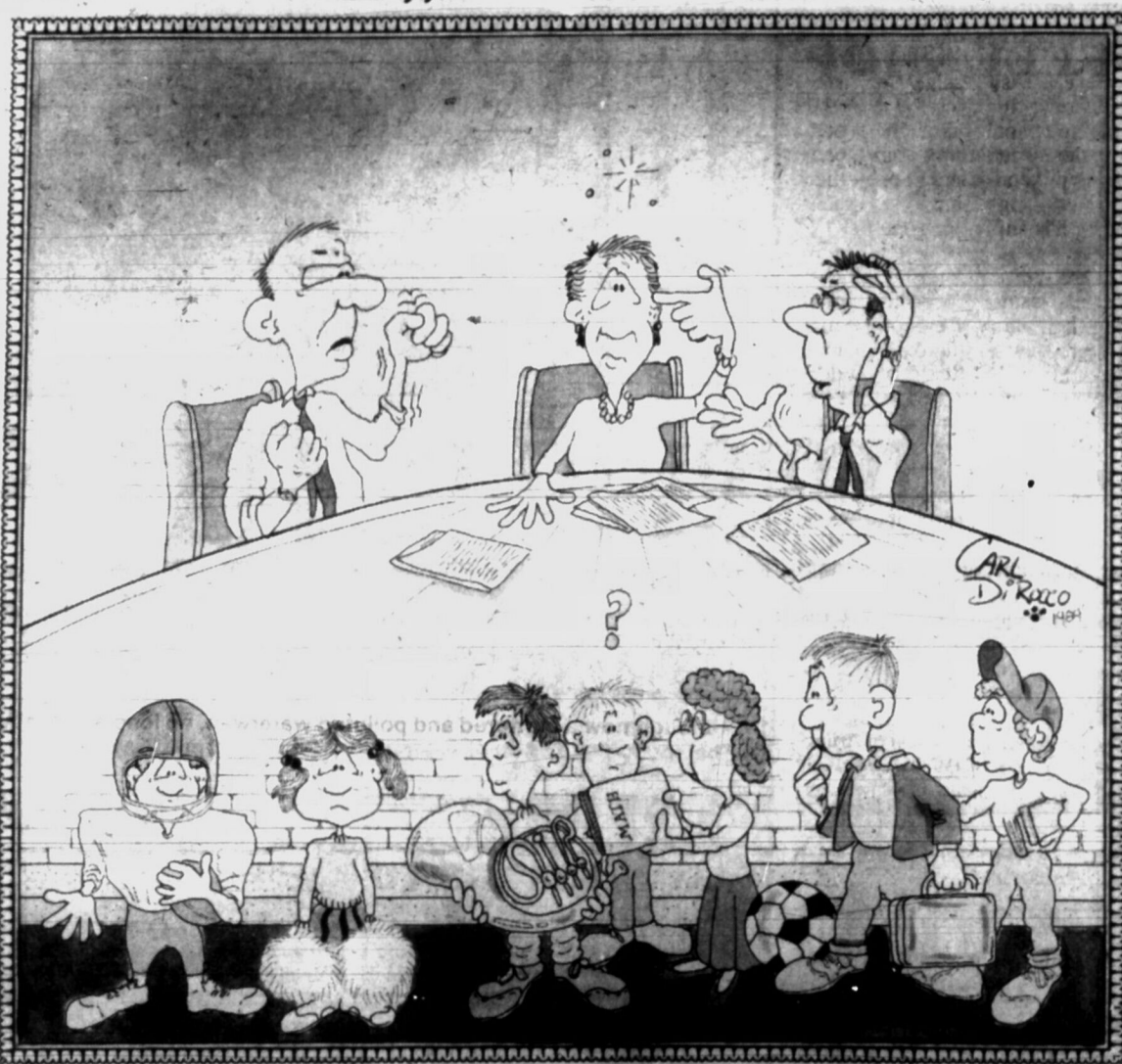
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Lost in the shuffle



While the School Committee bickers, the students, their parents, the faculty and staff wonder what the future of the Arlington schools will be and where many of the final budget cuts will be made.

GUEST COLUMNS

Political hi-jinks:

Town Meeting sits again

By NORMA BINNACLE

Special to The Advocate

Had to cut short a visit to Cousin Felice in Uruguay in order to take part in the opening of Town Meeting. Am I getting older or are the clergy getting very youthful — the lad with the baseball and the endless homily, I mean. Well, the effects of Prop 2½ clearly mean the death throes of civility in Town Meeting — good clean jibing and differences of opinion increasingly seem to be giving way to rancor and petty meanness.

Judging from the body language, whispering and posturing of the boys (and girls) in the front row (usually they're the boys in the lodge hall), they're in higher dudgeon than usual over challenges to their supremacy. From the much-noted red throne, newly-minted Moderator Worden, despite a few whispered "help me out here" conferences with Town Clerk Ann Powers, appeared to be very much in control. He showed none of the fake harshness that his predecessor occasionally used with his cronies to "prove" his impartiality, and he did not condescend.

Worden managed to weave little lessons in historical perspective, was wry and occasionally self-deprecating. An all-round auspicious beginning, that confounded his many intellectual inferiors who were putting out word of how horrible life under his gavel would be. The Boy Chairman quickly switched

into his ex-altarboy intercessional mode to commune with Counsel Maher ("and, through you, Mr. Moderator, to ask Town Counsel..."), and he generally kept his yap closed more than his last round as Select of the Select.

Although the no-nonsense Worden style kept the clubhouse cronies in check, so their overwhelming natural advantage over the rank and file wasn't exploited fully, the TMMs themselves did nothing to benefit from the protection Worden offered them. Instead, they seemed as confused and geese-like as ever — happiest when acquiescing in a recommended vote of No Action with no discussion whatsoever.

Budgets haven't begun to come up yet, so zoning matters provided the only opportunities to bemoan the loss of Arlington as we have known her. One man's accommodation to a taxpayer is another's spot zoning. The transfer of the Gibbs Junior High (nee Junior High East) brought the most discussion, largely from people who hadn't followed the issue through various other forums, including the printed pages of this weekly (or hadn't received the engraved invitations they thought was their due), and who needed to be guided through the reasoning process.

Town officials do get so testy when the entire world isn't as current on their press clippings as they them-

selves are. "You missed the party," wisecracked one miffed spokesman for the desired Result. "I thought this was the party," rejoined his quick-witted rank and file questioner. Atta boy.

Norma thought there were very many new faces in the crowd, and given the tired predictability of some of the familiar ones that mince, waddle or keep on truckin' to the down-front microphones, she hopes that the new faces and the minds attached do not become instantly gelatinized by the inscrutability of it all.

Why don't some of those intelligent looking newcomers resuscitate the Town Meeting Member Association idea, which operates effectively in nearby towns to give TMMs that extra competence (and confidence) so vital to matching the vested interests? Why should the big cheeses always win by bluster and falsehoods uttered confidently? Take Lyons' claim that we'd never boarded up a school. Was he out of town on MWRA business the entire time the Locke was boarded? And while we're at it, why should Louise and Helen continue to provide free coffee to the high income chiselers while the wage slaves conscientiously kick in their quarters each time?

Who controls the agenda controls the destiny of the institution, and as Moderator Worden reminded all, the warrant is just an agenda.

VNA vital link in health care

By JANE TAPIA

Special to The Advocate

Most people don't think about their health until something happens to jeopardize it. "That's just human nature" you say. The same principle applies to your health care organizations and providers, the people and institutions you have come to expect will always be there when you need them.

Your health care system is in crisis.

*Hospitals are reeling because of an inadequate Medicare reimbursement system.

*Many Massachusetts hospitals are endangered because of a lack of support from the Statehouse for assistance with the heavy free care load.

*Physician's suffer from malpractice insurance premiums higher than the annual income of many citizens, and inadequate Medicare reimbursement.

*Many M.D.'s are leaving Massachusetts.

*Home Health Agencies, such as Visiting Nurse and Community Health, Inc. face equally difficult problems because the health insurance system pays for acute care only when many people need preventative services or long term care.

If you think the health system will always be there for you, think again. Consider the case of John, an 80 year old man who was recently hospitalized ever so briefly for an acute episode of congestive heart failure. After being stabilized with medica-

tion he was sent home to recuperate with the Visiting Nurse to call on him three times a week for two weeks to evaluate if his condition will remain stable. The nurse was also checking to see that he was getting meals and maintaining his special diet. Under the Medicare guidelines, the Visiting Nurse can provide the skilled nursing, therapy, and assistive services required only as long as the patient's condition is unstable. As soon John's medical condition stabilized, the Home Health Agency was required to discharge him from the Medicare program.

John will probably have another acute episode requiring hospitalization some time in the future. If the Visiting Nurse had been able to keep John on the caseload longer, this might be prevented.

At Visiting Nurse and Community Health, we try to provide continuing service to patients like John when there is a need and when the patient cannot afford to pay for the service entirely out of pocket. This is possible only through the help of citizens who contribute to the Free Care Fund and the United Way of Mass Bay.

Our ability to continue to do this absolutely depends on the response to residents to our fund raising appeals. Won't you become a friend to patients like John who need more help?

In a few days residents will be receiving letters informing them of the annual phone-a-thon to raise money for the Free Care Fund. During the week of May 15 volunteers will be calling Arlington residents to ask for their support for this vital need. This is an invitation for residents to participate in providing health care in Arlington. It is an investment in your neighbors.

(Jane Tapia is the executive director of the Visiting Nurse and Community Health Inc. in Arlington.)

Sports suffer in squeeze

By STEPHEN NAZRO

Special to The Advocate

"The Spirit of Massachusetts is the spirit of America," says the state office of Travel and Tourism. Don't believe it — not when it comes to amateur athletics. The American public is caught up in the excitement of sports, but the Bay State Winter Games — the statewide amateur

sports festival held in western Massachusetts this March — almost didn't happen this year. Due to the commonwealth's much-discussed fiscal woes, state funding the Winter and Summer Games was cut by more than 50 percent, from \$200,000 to \$90,000.

If it hadn't been for a last-minute (See SPORTS, page 9A)

LETTERS

Teachers respond to colleague

TO THE EDITOR:

We are a group of educators who are concerned about the impression that may have been created by a letter by Edmund Storlazzi which appeared in The Advocate. We believe that the school system does need more funds in order to deliver quality education to the students of Arlington.

Why is Proposition 2½ affecting the town so dramatically? Over the past few years, town and school administrators have accomplished their missions by getting the absolute most for your money. Now with the state budget in disarray and with the depletion of free cash available from the town, all services, including education, can no longer continue to function at the level they have without an override of Proposition 2½.

While no one likes to be hit in the pocketbook, and many would like to believe that no new money is necessary, we would argue that projected staff and program cuts, which may go in effect in September without an override of Proposition 2½, will greatly reduce the quality of education in Arlington. Which programs will be cut and how severely is still being debated, but certainly departments will lose vital courses and programs.

We are particularly concerned about arguments voiced by Mr. Storlazzi that the school system is not in need of further funding because he believes administrators have not implemented educational reform. There are many teachers who are, as Mr. Storlazzi says, "daily trying to maintain discipline and academic standards in the presence of the often overwhelming negative influences of society."

But those teachers do not necessarily agree with Mr. Storlazzi's view that administrators are not doing the job that has to be done. The school is made up of educators with diverse philosophies about education. One person's disagreement with the administration's management should not be taken as the general opinion of educators at Arlington High School.

We must re-emphasize that lack of funding will result in staff cuts and loss of programs. We agree that creativity, innovation, and reform are always important at all levels of education but they must be supported with hard cash to implement ideas and programs.

It is not clear exactly what creative and innovative, but cost-free changes Mr. Storlazzi would like to implement, so it is not possible to argue for or against those here. However, we do believe that, at this time, after six years of staff and program cuts due to Prop. 2½, the education of our youth will be less effective if an override is not supported.

Specifically, both academic and non-academic as well as extra-curricular programs will be lost.

We believe it is the responsibility of all citizens whether or not they have children in the public school system to provide the best possible education for young people. In a democracy, we will all pay, now or later, for an uneducated or undereducated generation.

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Say no to plastic

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to inform your readers that we are very concerned about the amount of waste produced (See LETTERS, page 9A)

COMMENT

Sports are suffering in state's fiscal squeeze

(From page 8A)
bail-out by corporate sponsors such as NYNEX Yellow Pages, Coca-Cola and General Electric, the fifth annual Winter Games never would have happened. That would have been a huge disappointment, not only to the more than 1,200 young amateur athletes who competed, but also to the restaurateurs, shop owners and innkeepers of the Berkshires who grossed an estimated \$1 million during the games.

Disappointing a few thousand people may seem insignificant when compared with other problems, but the Bay State Summer and Winter Games matter a great deal to Massachusetts residents. Since their inception in 1982, the games have grown from six sports and 1,500 participants to 14,000 competitors in 27 sports. More than 35,000 spectators watched the competition in 1988 alone. Every city and town in the commonwealth sends participants to the Games, making the competition truly a "state Olympiad."

Amateur athletes from Arlington at this year's Winter Games included: Peter Nonan and Robert Barthlemew who both won gold medals in the master's ice hockey

competition.

Young athletes benefit in numerous ways from the Games, a program of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation. Not only does the keen competition enrich their personal growth, but many young people also win scholarships for higher education through Bank of Boston's "Lead by Example" program.

Clearly the Bay State Games unlock dreams and open doors for our state's youth. Corporate sponsors such as Bank of Boston, Prime Computer, New England Telephone and Bay State Health Care understand the importance of keeping the Games alive. It's crucial that the commonwealth shares that sentiment.

Without sufficient state funding, the Bay State Games cannot exist. That would crush the ambitions of young Massachusetts athletes and the pride of this state's citizens. And it would just go to prove that the spirit of Massachusetts is simply another meaningless slogan after all.

Stephen Nazro is a resident of Arlington and a director of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation.

Images from our past



Although now a cluttered and polluted waterway, no long ago the Alewife Brook was open for canoeing. The section shown here is along the Alewife Brook Parkway at St. Paul's Cemetery. (Advocate file photo)

YEARS PAST IN ARLINGTON

Fifty years ago

A new type of checking service called "register check" services is now available to the public at the Menotomy Trust Co. The service will be particularly useful for the people who, have not been able to have checking accounts because of the minimum balance requirements and bank service charges.

Twenty-five years ago

Complete interior renovation of the historic First Parish Unitarian Church is now in progress. Last painted in 1948, the present program will mark the completion of an extensive building program started in 1956 when the new Parish House addition was built.

Ten years ago

The Department of Performing Arts will present their annual Masterworks Concert at the Lowe Auditorium at Arlington High School. The AHS Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Gerald Thebodo will perform along with AHS Chorus and the Madrigal Singers. There will be continuous entertainment during the day and a visit by Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from page 8A)
by plastic and Styrofoam.

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The fifth grade class of St. Agnes School

Questions lack of acknowledgement

TO THE EDITOR:

I was disappointed at the lack of coverage recently of the initiation of students at Arlington Catholic High School into the National Honor Society.

At this time when educational values are being stressed, it would seem to be appropriate to give recognition to these fine students for their accomplishments.

Emphasis seems to be placed on athletic prowess rather than academic achievement. Perhaps news about honor students might

make an incentive for others to try to improve their academic standings.

Mary T. Sullivan

Flags should reflect respect

TO THE EDITOR:

"The Spirit of Massachusetts Is The Spirit of America." That's a cute little jingle and it certainly pulls tourists in from all over the world to come spend their money as they take in America's heritage. But I fear that the people who are surrounded by this heritage in their day-to-day living want the money but have forgotten what the "Spirit" is all about. I'm referring to the Town of Arlington not displaying its American flags at half-mast in honor of the 47 Navymen who died so violently on the U.S.S. Iowa. This was the worst American disaster since the nuclear submarine U.S.S. Scorpion sank in 1968 with all hands aboard.

As I drove around Arlington Satur-

day, April 22 (just a few days after the Patriots' Day parade), I was stunned and disappointed to see that no American flags were at half-staff, in compliance with President Bush's request at the end of the week that they be so displayed until the April 24 memorial service. I'm talking about the flags at the Town Hall, the fire stations, the police station, several banks that were open, several churches that fly flags, the high school, and even the Disabled American Veterans Club. Everywhere a flag was flying, it was flying at the top.

I stopped at the police station to ask about the town's flag-flying policy and the officer at the duty desk looked at me as if I was some crazed lunatic. Imagine. Someone actually wanting to properly honor those sailors who gave their lives in military service to keep their country at peace! He told me it was up to the "town" (whoever that is) as to whether or not the flags should be lowered, and since it was Saturday nothing could be done. After hearing this, I went home and made some calls to the Arlington VFW and American Legion posts to see if they,

being organizations dedicated to patriotism, could clarify what was going on. I was told by the duty bartenders that they didn't know anything and that no managers were around for me to talk to.

I realize that we Massachusetts Democrats are still smarting from our home-grown candidate being so badly whipped in the last election, and we hate to do anything that is promulgated by the hated Republicans, but this is a bipartisan issue. No one knows or cares what political affiliation those men who dies had, and we know that it doesn't matter.

All that should matter is that they are now part of our nation's heritage because they have been added to that sorrowful list of those who dedicated and gave their lives to perpetuate that proud heritage. I don't know who in the town made the disgraceful decision not to order the flags to be properly flown to honor these men, but I, as a citizen of Arlington, a citizen of America, and a man who spent twenty-one years in the U.S. Navy, am ashamed of that person or persons. Please don't let it happen again. You don't deserve to benefit from the heritage of this area

if you do.

B.R. Barbee
Senior Chief Machinist's Mate
United States Navy, Retired

Group's effort appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you and congratulations to the over 100 Ottoson Junior High School students, the four senior citizens from the community who sing with the Ottoson group regularly, and director Mrs. Helen Tassone, for an inspiring choral performance which opened the Town Meeting of Wednesday, April 26. This talented and poised group of students and seniors was invited to participate in the "America Sings" concert, a national nonprofit organization, whose goal is to raise funds for the homeless children of our nation.

The students' performance reinforced for me, the value of enriching experiences such as these for the students' of our community. A true academic experience means a well rounded education with opportuni-

ties to participate actively in a variety of diverse learning experiences. Their enthusiastic participation in concerts such as "America Sings" in Washington D.C., at our Arlington Senior Center and Town Meeting, enhances not only their social consciousness and awareness of public issues, but also provides them with a valuable appreciation for music which they will carry with them throughout their adult lives.

Rebecca Donohue

Lights need quick attention

TO THE EDITOR:

(The following letter was also sent to John Carroll, director of police services.)

Something has to be done about the lights at Pleasant Street and Mass. Avenue!!

We have a situation where it is difficult and dangerous for a person with vision to see and know what to do. What chances does a blind person with a dog have!!

I saw a situation this AM: a blind (See LETTERS, page 10A)

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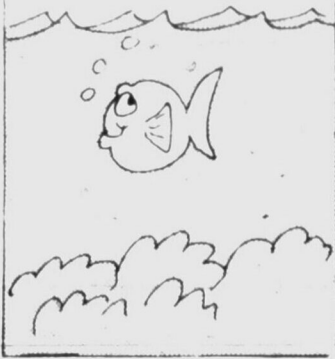
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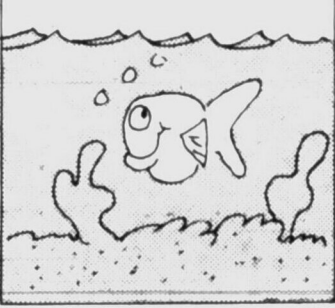


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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lady with her dog was completely disoriented. Cars were going in every direction, taking lefts, taking rights, as she was walking into the back end of a 32 foot trailer.

The lights have to be changed. What was wrong with the previous arrangement?

Maybe we should forget the lights and put a police man there. After all Paul Keefe controlled that corner for years and nobody turned without a green arrow or went through a red light. And our blind people could cross in safety.

Marie Mullen

More on regional centers

TO THE EDITOR:
I do not feel I need to comment on Mr. Ron Fitzgerald's long explanation of the regional education centers. That a letter had to be written by a school superintendent in 1989, in order to explain centers which were established in the 1960's, is significant in itself.

I would like to comment on tests and test scores, however. Although I am a person who usually tests exceedingly well, I am quite aware that many students are intimidated by tests and, because of negative

feelings regarding such tests, may not score well. Unfortunately, I believe tests are necessary, and I am in good company.

Recently I was sitting in a museum restaurant with my mother in proximity to two executives of a well-known Massachusetts company. It was a few days after the commissioner of education reported the "good news" that somewhere between 80 and 85 percent of Massachusetts students scored 65 percent and above on basic skills tests. According to the computer executives, the commissioner also blamed the poor performance by some students on the fact they do not own books. The executives plan to send Commissioner Raynolds a book on Abraham Lincoln which gives an accurate account of Lincoln's childhood.

The executives told my mother and me that it is frightening that the commissioner of education could consider the basic skills test results "good news." They said Japanese officials would consider such results a national disaster. Japanese educators would expect 100 percent of their students to score 100 percent on basic skills tests. "After all," they said, "we are talking about 'basic skills' — not physics or philosophy."

These executives also informed us that many major corporations across the United States have a service for their executives which provides information to them necessary for relocation. One of the pieces of information made available to them is the results of the basic skills tests in various states across the country. Should an executive relocate to Boston from Los Angeles, for example, he or she is given the results of the basic skills tests in cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts. No relocating executive would choose to enroll his or her children in Chelsea public schools, when he or she is able to compare Chelsea's basic skills tests results with those of Lexington and Westwood and those other towns whose schools have excellent reputations.

Assuming Fitzgerald's figures are correct, when he states that 40 percent of what local schools teach is not measured by standardized tests, that means 60 percent is measured.

When he states "paper and pencil" skills tests do not provide the best measure of achievement for 47 percent of the population, that means they are the best measure of achievement for 53 percent of the population.

These percentages are Fitzgerald's, and I do not take responsibility for their accuracy.

Finally, although Fitzgerald connects the rising of basic skills test scores to the rising of the dropout rates, I do not. I was very surprised that someone would. I am more concerned about Massachusetts public school education than ever.

Anthony L. Bernacchi

NEWS BRIEFS

Kraus holds district hours

State Sen. Richard A. Kraus, Arlington, and/or a member of his staff will be available to meet with Arlington residents on May 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., at the town hall hearing room, second floor.

Kraus will be holding district hours every month in Arlington at varying times and locations in order to try and accommodate resident's busy schedules. Dates, times and locations will be listed in The Advocate.

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